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The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" May I point out that the hon. Minister is inaudible?" (Laughter.)

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—" May I know if industrial education is not education?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" That question relates to quite a different department. It has been examined by that department and found that even at present Indian Christians are getting more than they would be eligible for on any understandable basis, population or otherwise."

Industries

Wood-work shop at Olavakkode.

* 534 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government took over the wood-work shop abandoned by the Forest department at Olavakkode;

(*b*) if so, when and at what cost; and

(*c*) how the Government propose to utilize the workshop and what progress has been made so far in that direction?

A.—The Industries department did not take over the wood-work shop abandoned by the Forest department. The wood-working machinery and the power transmission equipment available there were transferred to the Government Industrial school, Calicut, on 29th May 1932 for a consideration of Rs. 4,400.

So far it has been possible to erect only part of the machinery. It has been found very useful for the manufacture and production of packing cases supplied to the Kerala Soap Institute and for instructional and demonstration purposes. The rest of the machinery will be installed and ready for operation in the course of the year.

Sericultural operations.

* 535 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether sericultural operations were extended to any fresh centres during 1931–32 and 1932–33;

(*b*) if so, (i) to what centres, (ii) what the area under mulberry cultivation is, (iii) what the nature and cost is of the establishment appointed to look after the work; and

(*c*) whether there has been any extension of work at *Palmaner* and *Kuppam* in regard to (i) the area under mulberry cultivation and (ii) the distribution of seed cocoons?